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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****GOVERNOR BARBOUR APPOINTS NICK P. ARDILLO, JR.,  
TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PERSONNEL BOARD**

**April 19, 2011, JACKSON, Miss.** – Governor Haley Barbour has appointed Nick P. Ardillo, Jr., of Columbus to the Mississippi State Personnel Board. Representing the Third Supreme Court District, Colonel Ardillo has been appointed to fulfill an unexpired term which ends June 30, 2011 and has been appointed to a subsequent five-year term ending June 30, 2016. The Mississippi State Senate has confirmed both appointments.

“Colonel Ardillo’s vast experience and knowledge will bring an unique perspective to our Board. We look forward to working with him, and we appreciate his willingness to dedicate his time and energy to our agency and the public employees we serve” said MSPB Chief of Staff Deanne Mosley.

As a former Commander of Columbus Air Force Base, Colonel Ardillo, now retired, currently is a principal in Ardillo McCullough & Taggard, LLC, and a principal of NPA, LLC. Previously as Executive Director of the Golden Triangle Regional Airport, Colonel Ardillo led the regional effort to bring American Eurocopter’s multimillion dollar manufacturing plant to the Golden Triangle.

His previous public service also includes serving as Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Kirk Fordice and as the Governor’s representative on the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority for both Governor Fordice and Governor Barbour. A past president of the Mississippi Airports Association, his current board memberships include the Mississippi Military Communities Council, Momentum Mississippi, and the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service. Colonel Ardillo is a graduate of Auburn University with a Master’s degree from Troy University and a graduate of the United States Air Force, Air War College.

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The Mississippi State Personnel Board serves more than 30,000 public employees and 140 state agencies, and also houses the Personal Service Contract Review Board and Employee Appeals Board. For more information, please visit <http://www.mspb.ms.gov>.